



**Rep. Brett Harrell**

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### Biography

Brett Harrell is an Atlanta native and moved to Gwinnett in 1972. He attended Snellville Middle and graduated from South Gwinnett High prior to earning a business degree from the University of Georgia.

Brett's first job after college was as a toothpaste salesman for Lever Brothers Company. He once held the record for selling the most Pepsodent toothpaste in a single week. After several promotions, he left Lever, a \$30 billion international corporation, when offered a relocation to New York City and returned to Snellville to open his own small business.

In 1986, Brett opened an American Speedy Printing franchise on U.S. 78 at Killian Hill Road and operated that business for 20 years both on U.S. 78 and later on S.R. 124. Several years ago, he turned the business over to a long-time employee and it still operates today under the name Kipha Communications at U.S. 78 and McGee Road.

Small business provides the core of employment for his family. Brett's father, Bobby, is an independent pharmacist and owns Briarcliff Pharmacy. He formerly owned Dunaire Pharmacy. His mom, Vivian, owns The Personal Touch Hallmark Card and Gift Shop. Growing up in a small business as well as owning and operating a small business has been a wonderful experience. Brett knows what it is to make payroll, to face burdens imposed by all levels of government, and most importantly, to deliver for your clients.

Brett has been fortunate to represent our community in several elected and appointed capacities including as a member of the Snellville Planning Commission, Snellville City Council, Georgia Department of Community Affairs Board, Governor's Congestion Mitigation Task Force, and the Commission for Service and Volunteerism among others.

In 1999, Brett was elected the first new Mayor in over a quarter of a century in Snellville. With the support of a united City Council, tremendous City Staff, and outstanding citizens, the City accomplished much during his 4 year term from 2000 until 2003. Among other achievements, Brett delivered:

- \* Five successive property tax cuts
- \* Increased the number of Police Officers and the pay and benefits for all employees
- \* Preserved over 100 acres of permanent green space
- \* Established the vision that led to construction of our expanded Recycling Center, Senior Center, City Hall, and Town Center plan.

When Brett announced that he would not seek re-election, local business owners approached him about leading the Highway 78 Community Improvement District (now the Evermore CID). During a period of just over 5 years, he delivered for the taxpaying property owners along U.S. 78 a 23:1 return on investment by leveraging the \$5.5 million in additional property taxes and advancing \$130 million in community improvements. The most notable is the removal of the dangerous reversible lane and light system on U.S. 78.

Today, Brett is a garbageman with Advanced Disposal Services. He sells solid waste and recycling services to cities and counties. (Brett did not go to work for the firm until long after the current Gwinnett County trash plan was decided. He had no role in the Gwinnett program whatsoever.)

Brett began serving in the Georgia General Assembly in 2011.

With your continued support, Brett will continue to deliver for our community at the State House.